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SUBJECT: EARLY ELECTION RESULTS

1. WITH ALMOST 40 PERCENT OF THE NATIONAL RESULTS TABULATED, SUAREZ' UNION DE CENTRO DEMOCRATICO (UCD) HOLDS A COMFORTABLE LEAD WITH ALMOST 40 PERCENT VERSUS THE ALMOST 27 PERCENT FOR THE SOCIALISTS OF FELIPE GONZALEZ (PSOE). NO OTHER PARTY IS EVEN CLOSE, WITH THIRD PLACE GOING TO THE FRAGALIED ALIANZA POPULAR WITH SLIGHTLY LESS THAN 9 PERCENT AND FOLLOWED BY THE COMMUNISTS AT 7 PERCENT. NO ONE ELSE HAS ANY MORE THAN 4 PERCENT. IN THE EARLIER COUNTING, THE UCD HAS ALWAYS HELD A COMFORTABLE LEAD BUT ITS MARGIN HAS VARIED.

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NO ATTEMPT HAS YET BEEN MADE TO TRANSLATE THE PERCENTAGES INTO SEATS. IF THE PRESENT TREND CONTINUES BOTH THE UCD, AND PERHAPS TO A LESSER EXTENT THE PSOE, WILL BE SIGNIFICANTLY ADVANTAGED IN THE PERCENTAGE OF SEATS THEY CAN WIN OVER THE PERCENTAGE OF VOTES, MAKING IT CONCEIVABLE THAT THE UCD WOULD APPROACH AN ABSOLUTE MAJORITY.

2. AT 8 AM MADRID TIME, WITH 39.53 PERCENT OF THE VOTE
COUNTED, ELECTION RESULTS AS ANNOUNCED ARE AS FOLLOWS:

UCD (SUAREZ-LED CENTER) ----- 39.52 PERCENT

PSOE (SOCIALIST WORKERS) ----- 26.93 PERCENT

AP (FRAGA-LED CONSERVATIVES) ----- 8.46 PERCENT

PCE(COMMUNISTS) ----- 7.03 PERCENT

US(PSP) (TIERNO-LED SOCIALISTS) -- 3.66 PERCENT

FDC (CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS) ----- 1.34 PERCENT

OTHER PARTIES ----- 13.06 PERCENT

(OTHER INCLUDE SPLINTER PARTIES OF LEFT AND RIGHT, AS WELL AS
IMPORTANT REGIONAL GROUPS NOT REPORTED INDIVIDUALLY,
INCLUDING CATALANS AND BASQUE NATIONALISTS, SOME
OF WHOM ARE CONSIDERED CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS. THE FAR
RIGHT ALIANZA NATIONAL HAS ONLY 0.15 PERCENT.)

3. THE GOS HAS ANNOUNCED THAT DELAYS (PREDICTABLE) IN VOTE
COUNTING MEAN NEAR FINAL RESULTS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE UNTIL
1400 SPANISH TIME. IN A VERY FEW PRECINCTS A LACK OF
SUFFICIENT BALLOTS HAS CAUSED A DELAY IN VOTING UNTIL
TOMORROW BUT THIS WILL NOT REPEAT NOT SIGNIFICANTLY AFFECT
THE RESULTS. THE PRESS AND TV COVERAGE UNIFORMLY HIGHLIGHTS
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THE NORMALITY AND STRICT CONTROL OVER THE VALLOTING,
NONETHELESS THERE WILL BE CHALLENGES AT LEAST IN A FEW
PROVINCES. A PARTICULAR PROBLEM HAS BEEN THE PRESENCE
IN SOME PROVINCES OF OUTSIZE BALLOTS, FURNISHED BY THE
PARTIES -- INCLUDING SUAREZ' OWN UCD-WHICH HAVE BEEN
PROVISIONALLY DECLARED VOID. A FINAL NOTE, THE PRESS
ESTIMATES THE VOTER TURNOUT AT OR A LITTLE OVER
80 PERCENT NATIONWIDE, BUT THERE ARE NO HARD FIGURES
YET.

4. THE SPANISH PRESS THIS MORNING UNIFORMLY AND ACCURATELY
EXPRESSES TREMENDOUS PRIDE IN THE WAY THE ELECTIONS HAVE
BEEN CARRIED OUT, AND ABOVE ALL, IN THE WAY THE SPANISH
PEOPLE HAVE CONDUCTED THEMSELVES IN THESE FIRST ELECTIONS
IN 40 YEARS. STABLER

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